

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

Property Name: Rich Bottom Farm Wormfence Inventory Number: HA-531

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Historic district: yes ☒ X no

City: Havre de Grace Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ County: Harford

USGS Quadrangle(s): Havre de Grace

Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Account ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Tax Map Parcel Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Map Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Project: MD 155 from I-95 to US 40 Agency: SHA

Agency Prepared By: Jean Erving

Preparer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Prepared: \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation is presented in: M. Inventory Form # HA-527 through HA-531 and Project Files

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: Eligibility recommended ☒ X Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

*Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:*

Name of the District/Property: \_\_\_\_\_

Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligible: yes Listed: yes

Site visit by MHT Staff yes ☒ X no Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of Property and Justification:** *(Please attach map and photo)*

Rich Bottom Farm, a modest farmstead composed of a house and collection of outbuildings does not meet the Criteria for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. All of the farm structures and features have either totally disappeared or are in ruins, with the exception of the late 19th century frame dwelling which is open to the elements. It is not architecturally significant and lacks integrity.

Rich Bottom Farmhouse HA-527  
Rich Bottom Farm Barn HA-528  
Rich Bottom Farm Cornhouse HA-529  
Rich Bottom Farm Abandoned House HA-530  
Rich Bottom Farm Worm Fence HA-531

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility not recommended ☒ X

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

**MHT Comments:** There is one NR-Eligibility Review Form for HA-527 through HA-531 which are all part of the Rich Bottom Farm

E. Hannold  
**Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services**

Friday, June 14, 1991  
**Date**

R. Andrews  
**Reviewer, National Register Program**

Friday, June 14, 1991  
**Date**

MD. HISTORICAL TRUST NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
BOX 1704  
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM  
(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON:	Rich Bottom Farm Worm Fence
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION	
STREET AND NUMBER: Lane enters south of Level Road (Md 155)	
CITY OR TOWN: near Haver de Grace about 0.5 mi east of Lapidum Road	
STATE Maryland	CODE COUNTY: COOE

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY	
OWNERS NAME: George C Pensall	
STREET AND NUMBER: 704 Chesapeake Drive	
CITY OR TOWN: Haver de Grace	STATE: Md

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION	
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT	
STREET AND NUMBER: HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE	
CITY OR TOWN: BEL AIR	STATE: MARYLAND

ACREAGE

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS	
TITLE OF SURVEY:	
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>	
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE: COOE

STATE:

COUNTY:

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Worn fence, 8 panels high, in quite good shape. Hard split rails without notching are laid in a continuous Z pattern, each putting corner supported by ~~whip~~ props.

## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☐20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☐

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☐losophy ☐Agriculture ☒Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itorian ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Architecture ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Of unknown origin. This worn piece  
 is typical of the age when an axe was  
 the primary if not the only tool at  
 hand.

## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview w Mr Mc Connell, resident and former owner  
of the farm, at site, 1 December 1970, SSE, M.C.

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	COOE	COUNTY:	COOE
STATE:	COOE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	COOE
STATE:	COOE	COUNTY:	CODE

## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:		
JEAN S. EWING & Mary Carroll		
ORGANIZATION	DATE	
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST		
STREET AND NUMBER:		
50 STATE CIRCLE		
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	COOE
ANNAPOLIS	MARYLAND	

## 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

## NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_